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Allocation of Chuchou Arsenal Weapons to the DRV

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Probable Chinese Communist Policy toward the DRV

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- During late August 1953 the Chuchou (N 27-53, E 113-06) Arsenal was ordered by the Revolutionary Military Council to devote part of the arsenal's facilities to the manufacture of small arms, including small-calibre machine guns, and machine gun ammunition for shipment to the DRV.1
- 2. During the fall of 1953 the Chinese Communists will probably take the
  - a. Military aid will be increased.

following measures in relation to the DRV:

- Commodities in sufficient quantity to stabilize DRV commodity prices will be furnished.
- The Chinese Communists will assist the DRV in its political, military, industrial, and educational programs.
- Two or three Chinese Communist armies will be stationed near the Indochina border.
- The Chinese Communists will refrain from direct participation in the war in Indochina.

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Comments

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Available information indicates that the arsenal at Chuchou was producing ■25X1A only small arms ammunition and hand grenades in 1948. reported that in late 1952 the Chuchou Arsenal was producing light infantry weapons, bazookas, and 60-mm. mortars. See also reported that the Chuchou Arsenal was producing arms for a new Hunan public 25X1A security division in September 1952.

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